

Department of Energy Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting on Northern Pass Transmission Line Project

Washington, D.C. – The Department of Energy (DOE) will host five public scoping meetings as part of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed action of granting a Presidential permit to Northern Pass Transmission to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern New Hampshire.

Northern Pass Transmission LLC (Northern Pass) applied to DOE for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border. The proposed HVDC transmission line would be capable of transmitting up to 1,200-MW of power in either direction (Canada to the United States; United States to Canada). The line would extend south from the U.S.-Canada international border approximately 140 miles to a HVDC converter terminal that would be constructed in Franklin, New Hampshire. The converter terminal would convert the direct current to alternating current (AC) and allow the HVDC line to connect to a new 345-kv AC line that Northern Pass proposes to construct between the Franklin converter and the existing Deerfield Substation in Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Members of the public are invited to attend to obtain information about the proposed project and make comments. DOE and project personnel will be available for informal discussions prior to the presentation of oral comments.

The complete Federal Register Notice may be accessed http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-02-11/pdf/2011-3147.pdf. Further information on this project can be obtained from the project website at www.northernpasseis.us. For further information about these public hearings or the Presidential permit process, please contact Brian Mills at (202) 586-8267 or by e-mail atBrian.Mills@hq.doe.gov.

Northern Pass Transmission Scoping Meetings		
Location	Street Address	Date and Time
Pembroke NH	Pembroke Academy cafeteria 209 Academy Road Pembroke, NH 03275	Monday March 14, 6-9 pm
Franklin NH	Franklin Opera House 316 Central Street Franklin, NH 03235	Tuesday March 15, 6-9 pm
Lincoln NH	The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room 90 Loon Mountain Road Lincoln, NH 03251	Wednesday March 16, 6-9 pm
Whitefield NH	Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room 101 Mount View Road Whitefield, NH 03598	Thursday March 17, 6-9 pm
Colebrook NH	Colebrook Elementary School 27 Dumont Street Colebrook, NH 03576	Saturday March 19, 1-4 pm